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Commissioner Jane Henney
Food & Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 14-71
Rockville, MD 20857

Re: Docket 99P-0033/CP 1

Dear Commissioner Henney:

It is essential that the FDA act on the Humane Farming Association petition to stop the totally unacceptable practice of feeding dead pigs, horses, and other animals to farm animals. Animals who are not carnivores should not be fed meat and especially meat from animals who died under suspicious circumstances.

The present safeguards are totally inadequate to protect farm animals, pets, and human beings eating their meat from the threat of painful, incurable Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE) and any form of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (it may manifest different symptoms from nvCJD in Great Britain).

All blood and blood products from all mammals, of course including cows and pigs, must be prohibited for use in animal feeds and pet foods (certainly domestic and other felines have contracted TSE in Great Britain).

Gelatin and gelatin by-products must not be included in animal feed and pet foods.

Gelatin could transmit infectious agents. Therefore, its use in capsules for human medications must be restricted severely as to the safety of its source and wherever possible be replaced with vegetable capsules.

All material from pigs must not be used in animal feeds because pigs in the USA have shown symptoms of central nervous system disease suspected of being TSE. They have contracted TSE in laboratory tests.

Any and all TSE-positive material must never be allowed to be fed to any animals or used in capsules, cosmetics, fertilizer, or other products.

Sincerely yours,

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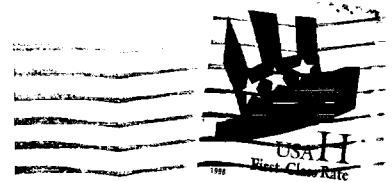
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